Cadre review and pay structure of sectional officers (Horticulture) C.P.W.D.

1460. SHRI M. KADHARSHA:
DR. C SILVERA:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Junior Engineers were designated earlier as Sectional Officers;

(b) if so, for what reasons the designation of Sectional Officers (Horticulture) has not changed as Junior Engineer (Horticulture) on the pattern of Junior Engineer (CPWD);

(c) whether it is a fact that Sectional Officers (Horiculture) CPWD are not being considered at par with Junior Engineers (CPWD) as far as the pay scales and other benefits are concerned due to the difference in designations;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the benefit of cadre review and the grant of the pay scale of Rs. 1640-2900 have not been extended to Sectional Officers (Horticulure);

(e) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(f) by when the above mentioned benefits are proposed to be granted to the Sectional Officers (Horticulture)?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The designation of Sectional Officers (Horticulture) was not changed as J.E. (Horticulture) because they neither hold engineering qualifications nor are they required to perform "Engineering" work. Besides, the higher posts on Horticulture side do not have designation similar to the engineers on the Civil Electrical side.

(c) to (f) No. The question of revision of pay scales of Sectional Officers (Horticulture) on the same lines as that J. E. (Civil and Electrical) and the cadre review in the cadre of Sectional Officers (Horticulture) are under consideration.

Tribal area Operational Research Projects

1461. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Council of Agricultural Research operates the Tribal Area Operational research Projects through its Twenty-six centres covering nine States only;

(b) if so, what are the names of those nine states;

(c) what are the aims of these projects and when the projects were launched; and

(d) what are the results achieved by these projects so far (state-wise)?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA):

(b) The States covered with the Project are:—

1. Andhra Pradesh, (2) Bihar, (3) Gujarat, (4) Himachal Pradesh, (5) Kerala, (6) Maharashtra, (7) Madhya Pradesh, (8) Orissa, (9) Rajasthan and (10) Tamil Nadu.

(c) The Project aims at (1) Making a thorough survey of the socio-economic background of the Tribal Communities under the project; (ii) introducing appropriate low cost agricultural technologies on their farms for increasing production and income; and giving them training in modern farming and farm management.

(d) The state-wise results of the efforts made under the Project may be seen in the enclosed Statement [*See* Appendix CXLIII, Annexure No. 63].